

Juveniles sub-par in defeat

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The Champion

Milton's juveniles are without question one of the most gifted teams in the Niagara District Hockey League.

But Saturday night, in front of a sizable hometown crowd, they got a blatant reminder that talent alone won't always be enough. The Winterhawks delivered a second-rate effort for much of the game — frittering away a pair of leads along the way — en route to losing to the St. Catharines Warriors 5-3.

This capped a winless week for the local juveniles, who now sit at 2-1-1.

Fresh off a successful audition for the number two spot behind Jon Sweetland, Mark Rosselle surrendered the game winner — a five-hole bullet following a brutal giveaway in deep — with four-and-a-half minutes remaining.

St. Catharines cemented the victory with an innocent-looking clear in the final minute which wound up in the empty net. Overall, Rosselle made 21 saves while his counterpart stopped two dozen shots — including 13 in the second period when the hosts took temporary control but lit the lamp just once.

Dreamfair Vogel triumphs again

Dreamfair Vogel extended his win streak to four with an impressive victory in Gold Series Elimination action at Mohawk Racetrack Saturday evening.

With Randy Waples in the race bike, the three-year-old pacing colt landed in fifth place from post six, watching from nine lengths back as Firstline Luck and Trevor Ritchie rocketed off the outside of the starting gate to a :26.2 opening quarter.

Firstline Luck maintained his position on the front end through an equally torrid :54 half and 1:22.1 three quarters with Armbro Warranty hot on his heels in second and Silver D Moon sitting third.

Heading for the three-quarters mark, Daniel Dube sent D Cs Bunny to the outside and Waples followed with Dreamfair Vogel. When D Cs Bunny failed to make significant gains on the leaders, Waples pulled Dreamfair Vogel three wide and kicked him into gear.

By the top of the stretch, the Village Jiffy colt was less than two lengths back in second and from there he simply pulled away from the field — hitting the wire four lengths on top in 1:51.1.

The win was Dreamfair Vogel's fifth of the season and his fourth since owners John and Mary Lamers of Ingersoll made the decision to place him in the care of

Kyle Burrell did the honours with a lightning quick snap upstairs for his fourth tally in three games.

Mike Winiarz erased the visitors' first-period lead by converting Rick Nadalin's doorstep leftovers, while wiring in a bottom-shelf deposit four minutes later was midget AP Mark Galick.

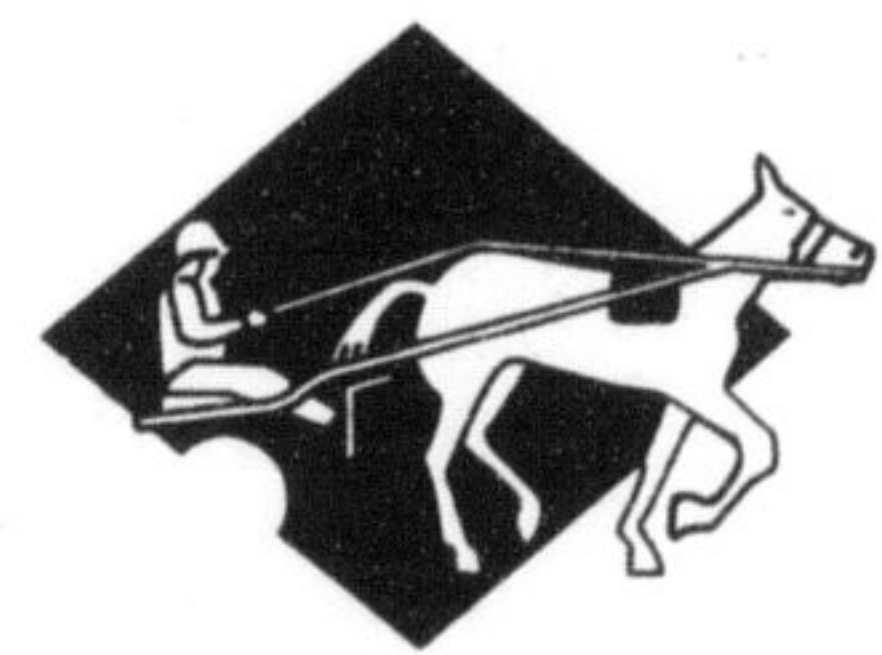
The Winterhawks capitalized on their first try with the man-advantage but then blew three straight power-plays and were virtually non-existent offensively in the third — managing just three shots against the Warriors.

Burrell and Winiarz each assisted on the other's goal for multi-point nights. Other helpers went to Thomas Patrick, Chris Strank and Chris Wulfers.

In Beamsville Wednesday, Milton had trouble pulling the trigger for much of the night and needed a couple of third-period goals to tie Lincoln 4-4.

A goal against with under two minutes left to play spoiled the victory party. Galick, Matt Stockton, Conor Sweeney and Travis Van Loosen did the scoring while between the pipes was Sweetland.

The Winterhawks will look to get back in the win column when they travel to Cayuga Saturday. Their next home game is Saturday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. against Lincoln.



Hoof Beat

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top trainer Bill Robinson in early September. The homebred pacer has two seconds and two thirds to go along with his victories and has banked \$237,708 through 15 starts this season.

With just Saturday's Gold Final left in the regular season, Dreamfair Vogel sits atop the division standings with 237 points and is the early favourite to win the \$300,000 Super Final at Mohawk November 16.

Former Gold Final winners Armbro Warranty and Silver D Moon sit second and third in the points race.

With just one Elimination going postward Saturday evening, all 10 contestants are eligible to return to Mohawk for the Gold Final this weekend and — after wrapping up the regular season — the top 10 point earners will then proceed to the lucrative Super Final.

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